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Alleged irregularity in the assignment of lands on the Kadri Hill, South Kanara.

* 388 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the assignment of lands reserved for Adi-Dravidas and the Military on the Kadri Hill, Mangalore taluk, South Kanara, to non-Adi-Dravidas and the cancellation of grants made to Adi-Dravidas on the Kadri Hill, Mangalore taluk—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the information called for from the Collector, with reference to question No. 139-B answered on 7th August 1935; if so, whether he will be pleased to place a copy of the same on the Council table;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the said assignments were cancelled and whether a huge cross commemorating the alleged captivity of the Roman Catholics by Tippu Sultan and their march to Seringapatam was put up;

(*c*) whether previous sanction was obtained from the Collector for putting up the said cross; if so, whether Muslims in this district were consulted before giving the said sanction; and

(*d*) whether the Hon. Member will be pleased to place on the table a copy of the inscription that the said cross bears?

A.—(*a*) Yes. A copy [a] of the Collector's letter, D. Dis. No. 3556-35, dated 1st September 1935, is annexed to this answer.

(*b*) & (*d*) As regards the first portion of clause (*b*), the attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Collector's letter annexed to the answer.

A cross has been put up on private property outside the town limits of Mangalore. The Collector reports that there is no inscription on the cross.

(*c*) As the land on which the cross was put up is private property previous sanction of the Collector was not obtained nor was such sanction necessary.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know whether the cross was not put up to commemorate a long forgotten event?" 11-15 a.m.

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—"I have no information, Sir."

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I ask the Hon. the Revenue Member whether putting up of a memorial regarding a forgotten incident of alleged atrocity is likely to create misunderstanding between the Muslims and the Christian community?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—"I have no information, Sir, but it is stated in answer to the question that there is no inscription."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is not a provision in the District Municipalities Act requiring the permission of the Collector, whenever in a place of worship, anything is to be put up to commemorate events?"

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The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" I agree that it may be true. But I understand that the cross is put up on private property outside the town limits."

Loans to ryots in Bellary and Anantapur famine zone to discharge their prior debts.

* 389 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have decided to grant loans to people of Anantapur and Bellary famine zone to discharge their old debts;

(*b*) if so, what the proposed allotment for the current year is; and

(*c*) whether any proposals have been called for from the Collector of Anantapur as regards the requirements of the Anantapur district in this connexion?

A.—(*a*) The Government propose to grant loans for the relief of indebtedness under the Agriculturists Loans (Madras Amendment) Act, 1935. It has been decided to introduce the scheme in the first instance as an experimental measure in two divisions in the Presidency, the Chingleput division of the Chingleput district and the Rajahmundry division of the East Godavari district. These areas are considered the most suitable for the experimental working of the scheme. After the results of the experiment in these two areas are known it is proposed to extend the operation of the scheme to the other districts of the Presidency, including the Bellary and Anantapur districts.

(*b*) No special allotment has yet been made.

(*c*) The Government have not called for any proposals. They presume that the Board of Revenue will obtain the necessary estimates from the Collector of Anantapur.

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao :—" May I ask the Hon. the Revenue Member whether Anantapur and Bellary districts will be taken into consideration for the grant of loans to discharge indebtedness especially in view of the present recovery from famine? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" Their case will be considered when we decide on the lines on which to proceed."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" It is stated in reply to clause (*a*) that they are awaiting the results of their experiment in some districts before they extend their operation to other districts. May I know, what arrangements Government have made to advance loans to very deserving cases before the results of the experiment are known to Government? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" There is no particular arrangement. We will carry on in a general way till we know from these experiments what is the best line to go on."